

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

HEATHER DERENSKI,

Plaintiff,

v.

USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY
COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C23-0676JLR

ORDER

Before the court is the parties' stipulated motion to continue the trial date and certain unexpired pretrial deadlines in this matter. (Stip. Mot. (Dkt. # 20).) The parties ask the court to continue the trial from its current scheduled date of October 7, 2024, to January 6, 2025. (*Id.* at 1.) The parties seek a continuance because, although they "have been working cooperatively to complete written discovery," they "need additional time to gather documentary evidence prior to scheduling depositions and issuing expert opinions." (*Id.*)

1 The court issues scheduling orders setting trial and related dates to provide a
2 reasonable schedule for the resolution of disputes. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
3 Procedure 16(b)(4), “[a] schedule may be modified only for good cause and with the
4 judge’s consent.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The scheduling order in this case expressly
5 states that “failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as
6 good cause.” (7/10/23 Min. Order (Dkt. # 15) at 2.) Nevertheless, the court will modify
7 the schedule in light of the parties’ cooperation, agreement, and the lack of prior
8 continuances in this matter.¹

9 The court GRANTS the parties’ stipulated motion for a continuance (Dkt. # 20),
10 resets the parties’ jury trial to January 20, 2025 (the court’s next available trial date), and
11 rests all pretrial deadlines after and including the expert disclosures deadline. Because
12 the parties did not seek a continuance of the unexpired deadline for amending pleadings
13 (*see generally* Stip. Mot.), that deadline shall remain April 10, 2024 (*see* 7/10/23 Min.
14 Order at 1). The court DIRECTS the Clerk to issue a revised case schedule that resets
15 these pretrial deadlines based on the new trial date and this order.

16 Dated this 14th day of March, 2024.

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18 JAMES L. ROBART
19 United States District Judge
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22 ¹ The parties are advised that the court will not grant future trial continuances based on
discovery needs.